



# The relationship between requirement and performance.

Analysis of ACT/SAT Scores of Test-Optional and Test-Required Universities.

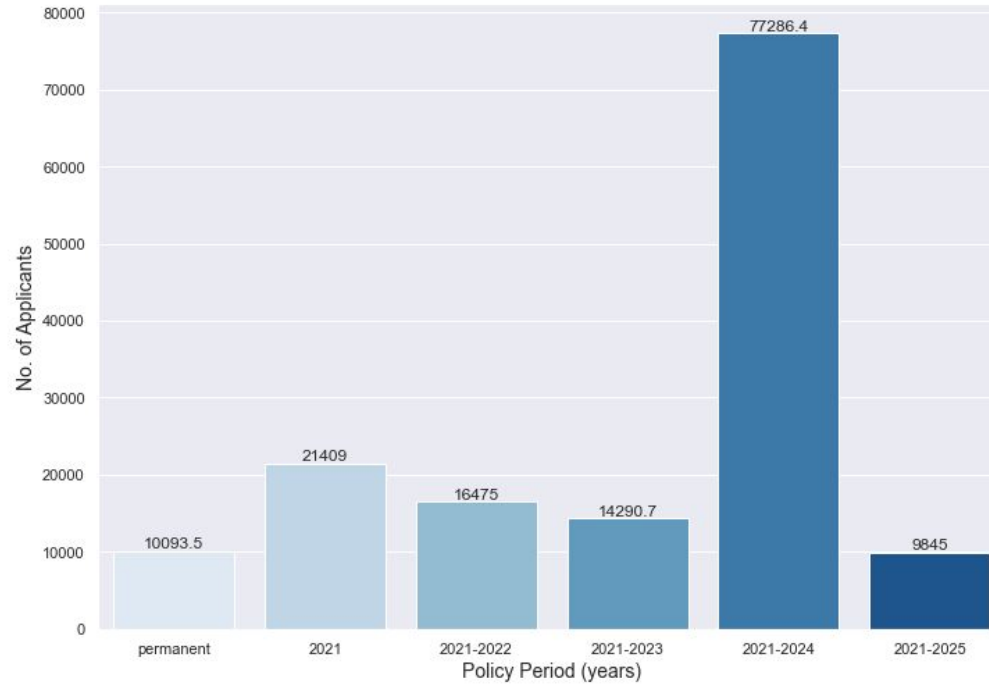
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# Trends Amongst Test-Optional Schools

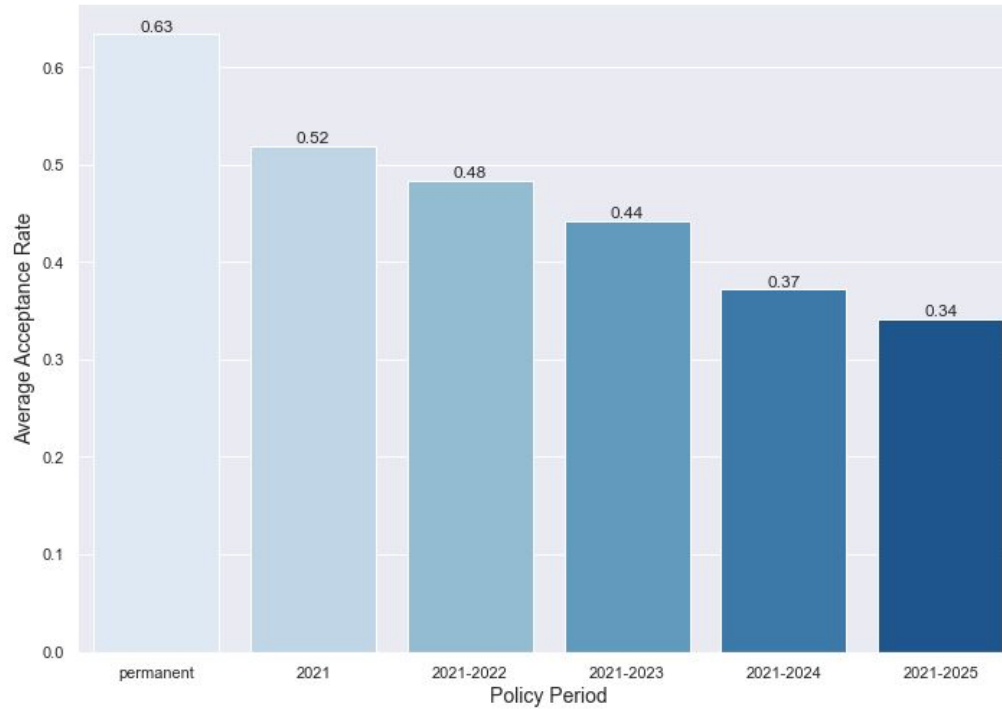
- What schools are test-optional?
- How do national averages compare to admitted students performances at test-optional and test-required schools?
- What other admission requirements are used by 4-year universities?

Average Policy Period by Acceptance Rate



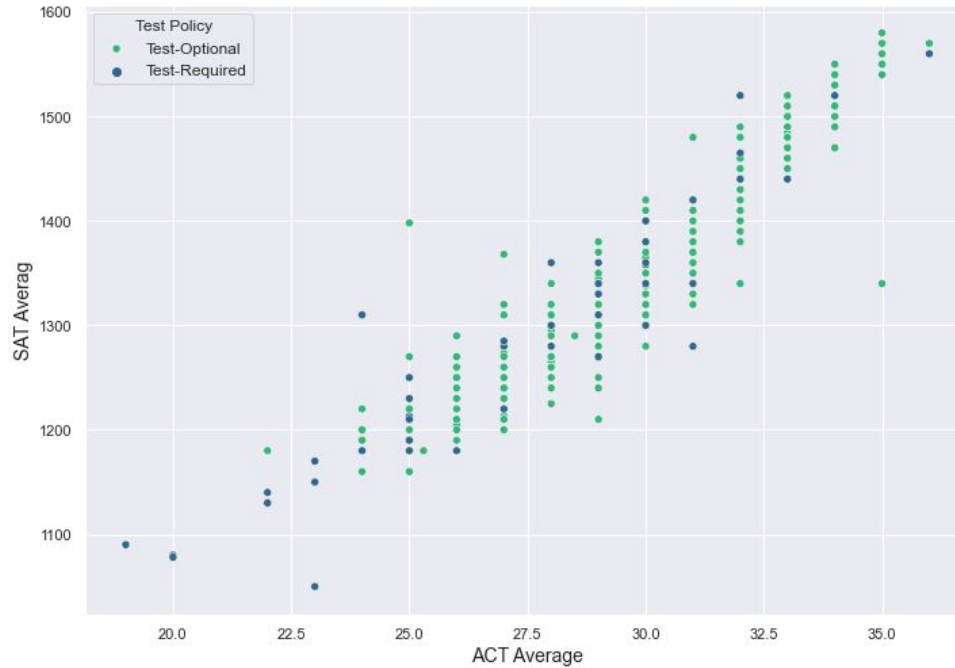
UCLA had the highest number of applicants, 111,322, and established a policy period of four years, while Thomas Aquinas college had the lowest number of applicants, 211, and is test-required.

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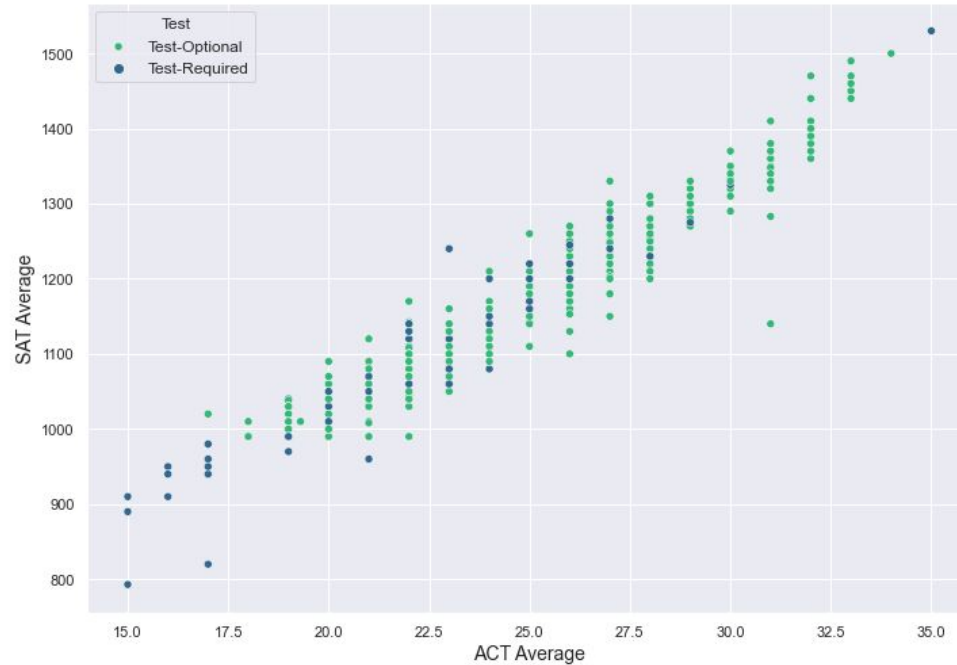
Schools with the lowest acceptance rates, indicating high competitiveness, established permanent test-optional policies included University of Chicago, Bowdoin College, and Bates College.

Admitted Students' ACT/SAT 75th Percentiles



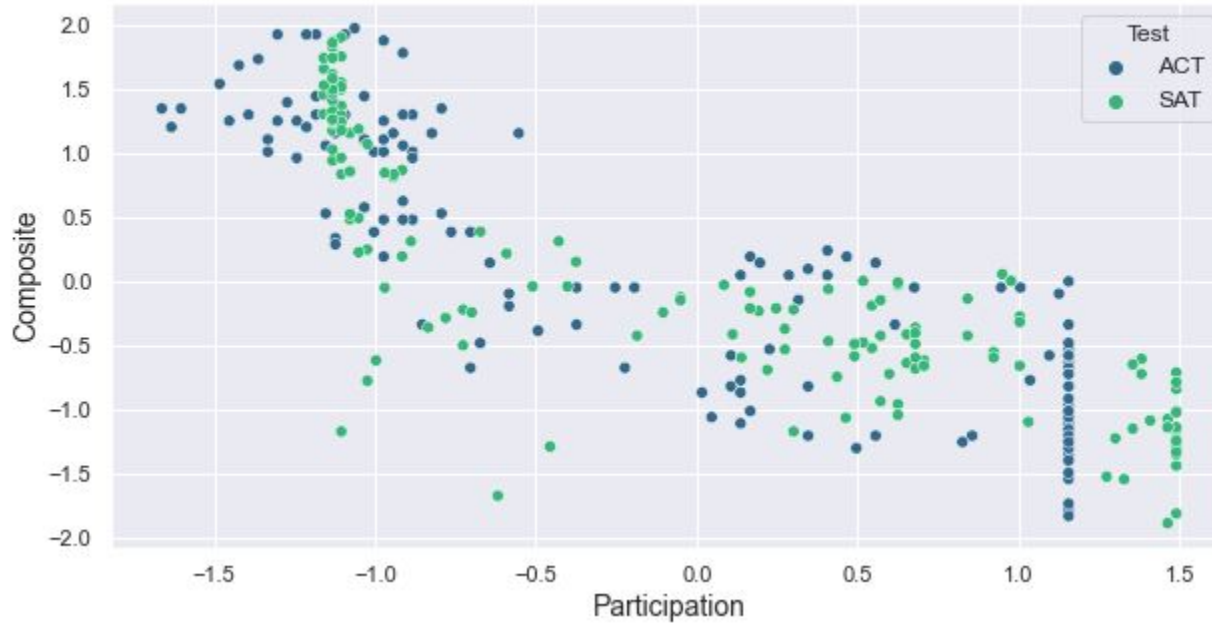
On average, admitted students earned a 1167 to 1359 on the SAT and 24 to 30 on the ACT.

Admitted Students' ACT/SAT 25th Percentiles



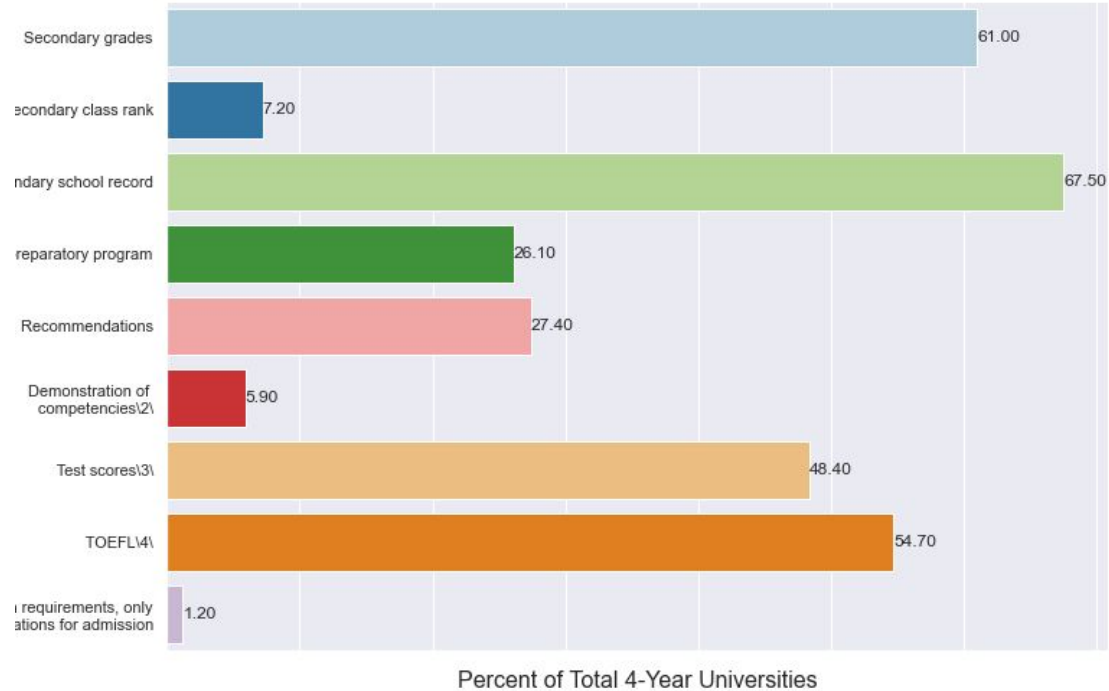
California Institute of Technology whose admitted students scored quite high on both tests.

## Participation versus Composite



The lowest participating state for the ACT was Maine, 6-8%, between 2017 and 2018. Similarly, North Dakota, Mississippi, and Iowa had participation rates of 2% for the SAT, in the same period. For all of these states, their students scored above the mean composite score.

### Additional Admission Requirements



In addition to test scores, Universities across the nation report on other admission factors that they evaluate, annually.





# Considerations for test-optional policies...

- More applicants, shorter test-optional period
- Lower acceptance rate, longer test-optional period, excluding permanent policies.
- ACT/SAT performance in relation to other schools
- Falling participation for the ACT, and rising for the SAT
- Students in low participating schools perform better.



**Questions?**

Thank You!

